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METHOD FOR COLLECTING FLAT AND LETTER UNITS  
Our File No. 1174/117/2

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO/SB/08B (in duplicate);
3. Copies of cited references (2 references);
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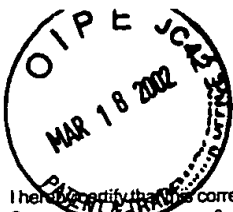
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, applicants' undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the following references. Copies of the references as well as Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are attached hereto. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

U.S. Patent No. 5,899,453 to Middelberg et al. discloses document collector, diverter and stager apparatus and method.

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U.S. Patent No. 5,806,659 to Middelberg et al. discloses chain apparatus for high-speed media processing.

Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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